

# Earthquakes. WALT: To explain.

My learning goal is: Grammar: sentence structure

Have you ever been in an earthquake? Have you ever seen a earthquake? Earthquakes are one of the world's biggest disasters. They kill hundreds of people, destroy there homes and make other disasters happen. And they can happen when ever and where ever you are. Earthquakes are one of the many national disasters around the world.

In September last year a big earthquake hit Christchurch and there have been after-shocks ever since. Poor chirstchurch was hit with another earthquake in February this year . Early this year there was a tsunami in Japan which lead to an earthquake and it killed a lot of people and heaps of people lost there home from

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This is a really good first paragraph Dana - it has rhetorical questions (questions we don't really expect anyone to answer) and makes a good impact for your audience.

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**Comment [2]:** amatangi-hulls:  
Christchurch - check spelling and remember it is the name of a place so it needs a capital letter.

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**Comment [3]:** amatangi-hulls:  
Dana - you've got your ideas a little muddled here: there was a large earthquake that led to the tsunami which killed thousands of people.

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**Comment [4]:** amatangi-hulls:  
This needs to be re-worded and completed:  
Earthquakes are dangerous: they can destroy homes and buildings and kill hundreds of people.

## What is a Earthquake?

An Earthquake happens when two plates in the ground slip past one another. The slip is called a fault line and it makes the ground move: this is called a hypocenter. Sometimes an earthquake can lead to after shocks you're probably wondering what are after shocks well after shocks are little earthquakes that occur normally after a big earthquake that has just passed or, It normally leads to a big earthquake that is coming or you can have after shocks that happens after a big earthquake.

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"in the earth" would probably make more sense here as saying in the ground might be confusing for younger people reading it to understand.

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**Comment [6]:** amatangi-hulls:  
Correct grammar:  
"an" earthquake not "a" earthquake.  
Remember we always use "an" instead of "a" when a word starting with a vowel follows.

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This is the start of a new sentence.

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**Comment [8]:** amatangi-hulls:  
This sentence isn't making sense - try something like this:

Sometimes an earthquake can lead to aftershocks. You are probably wondering what aftershocks are... Well, aftershocks are little earthquakes that normally occur after a big earthquake that has just past.

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## What has been the biggest earthquake in the world

The worlds biggest earthquake was in southern Chile near Valdivia on May 22 1960. It was a 9.5 earthquake. It was called Great Chilean Earthquake. Earthquakes can happen at any time of the day even when you're asleep but history says that earthquakes normally come in a Pattern like once a big earthquake come a few earthquakes come after and some led to bigger ones.

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You need an apostrophe here as the biggest earthquake belongs to the world: world's

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It registered 9.5 on the richter scale.

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**Comment [13]:** amatangi-hulls:  
I like how you've worded this - well done!

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no capital here Dana as it is not the specific name of something.

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**Comment [15]:** amatangi-hulls:  
This is repeating what you said about aftershocks - this may have been better as supporting detail in that paragraph about the aftershocks.

## What are fault lines?

A fault line is a separation or crack in the Earth's crust. It is the line where two or more of the tectonic plates in the Earth's crust butt

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This main idea may have been better as detail about how earthquakes happen or before that paragraph - this would help your ideas make more sense.

against each other. An earthquake occurs when these plates move against each other. The amount of force applied will determine how powerful the quake will be. Do you know that people don't know when an earthquake is coming but animals can. Animals can sense when an earthquake is coming days before the earthquake the animals go crazy.

So I hope you now know a bit more about earthquakes, fault lines what earthquakes are so now when an earthquake hits you are all ready remember that they can hit happen anytime anywhere.

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You have asked your audience a question Dana so you need to have a question mark.

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You need a colon here to link your ideas.

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**Comment [21]:** amatangi-hulls:  
You have run some of your sentences together here Dana - you need to read it out loud so you can hear where you need commas and your full stops.